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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 33

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to study the societal impact of teenage pregnancy education.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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2 to study the societal impact of teenage pregnancy education.

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4 *Whereas, The United States has one of the highest teen*
5 *pregnancy rates in the western industrialized world. It is twice*
6 *the rate of Canada, and four times higher than France and*
7 *Germany;*

8 *Whereas, The United States spends \$7 billion each year due*
9 *to costs associated with teen pregnancy;*

10 *Whereas, Indiana has a higher teen pregnancy rate than the*
11 *national average;*

12 *Whereas, Parenthood is the leading reason teen girls drop*
13 *out of school, causing more than half of teen mothers to never*
14 *graduate from high school;*

15 *Whereas, Less than 2% of teenage mothers have earned a*
16 *college degree by age 30;*

17 *Whereas, Over 30% of teenagers have had at least one*
18 *pregnancy before turning 20;*



1 *Whereas, 80% of all unmarried teenage mothers end up on*
2 *welfare;*

3 *Whereas, Half of all unmarried teenage mothers end up on*
4 *welfare in their first year of parenthood;*

5 *Whereas, Daughters of teenage mothers are 22% more*
6 *likely than their peers to become teenage mothers, while sons*
7 *of teenage mothers have a 13% greater chance than their peers*
8 *of ending up in prison;*

9 *Whereas, Higher teenage pregnancy rates translate into*
10 *higher abortion rates in the United States;*

11 *Whereas, 80% of teenage pregnancies are unintended;*

12 *Whereas, In 2010, the reported public expenditures for*
13 *family planning client services totaled \$22.4 million, including*
14 *\$14.6 million through Medicaid in Indiana; and*

15 *Whereas, Averting unintended pregnancies in Indiana*
16 *saved the federal and state governments \$115.9 million in*
17 *Medicaid costs for pregnancy-related and newborn care in*
18 *2010; Therefore,*

19 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
20 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

21 SECTION 1. The Legislative Council is urged to study the societal
22 impact of teenage pregnancy education.

